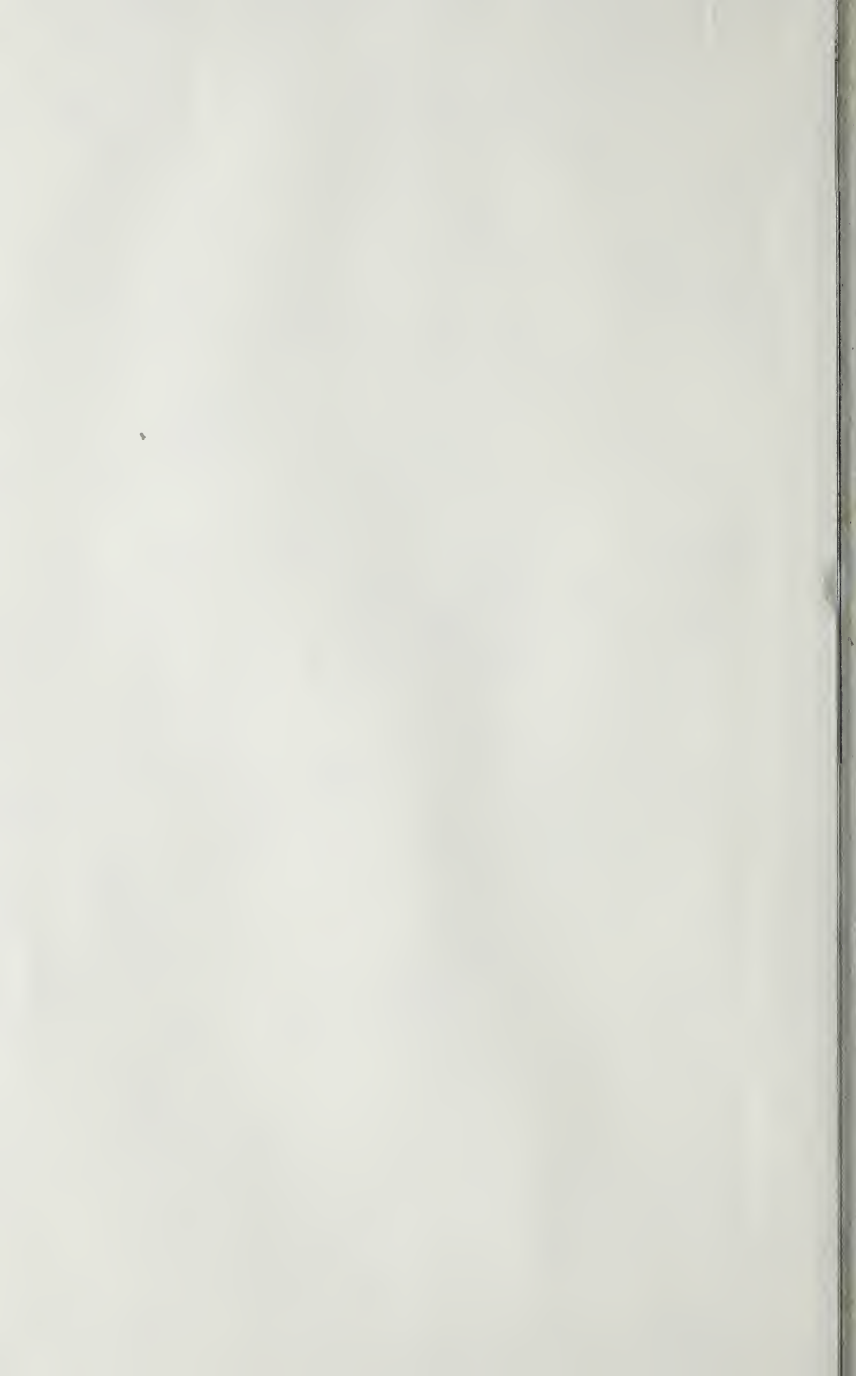


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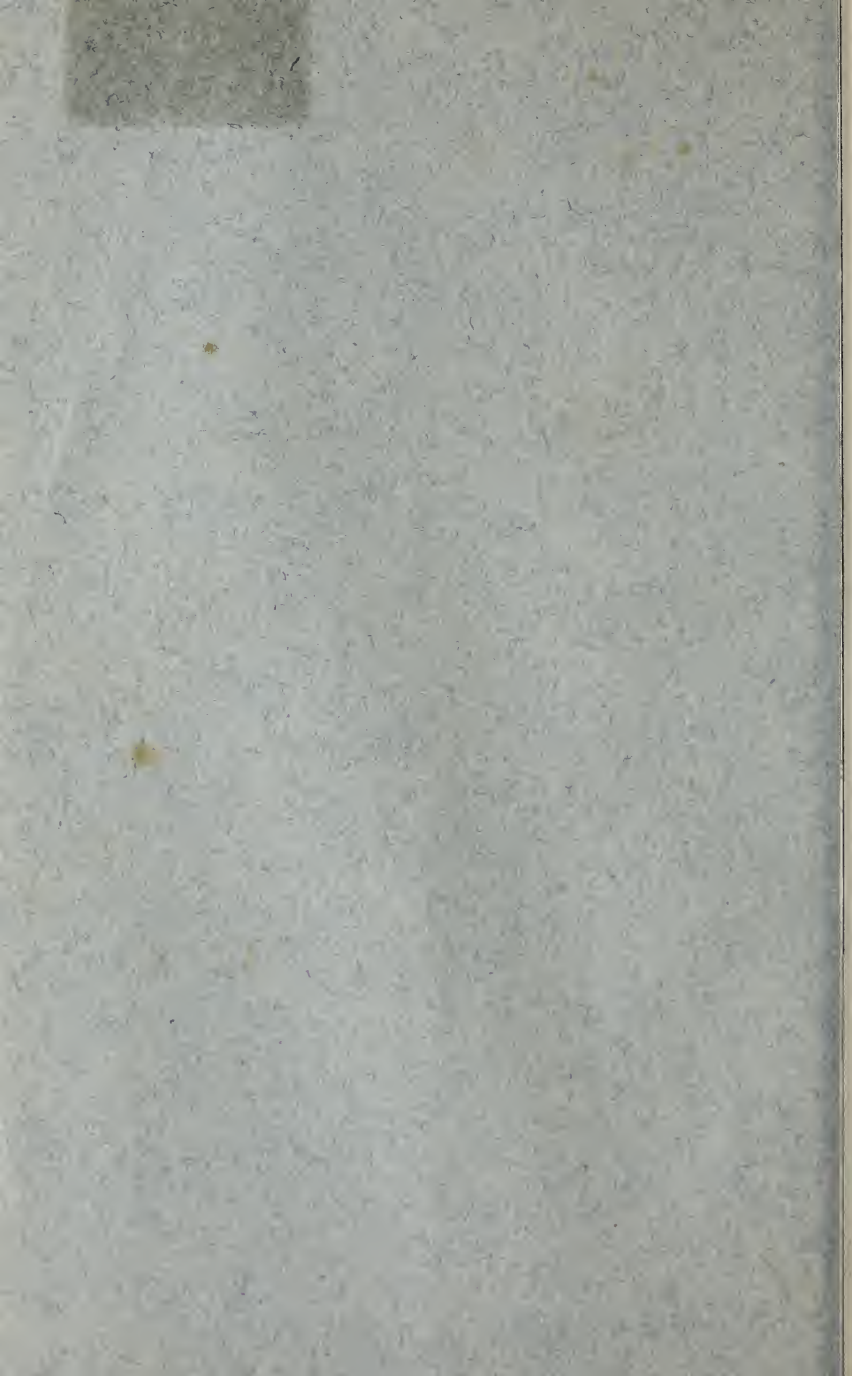
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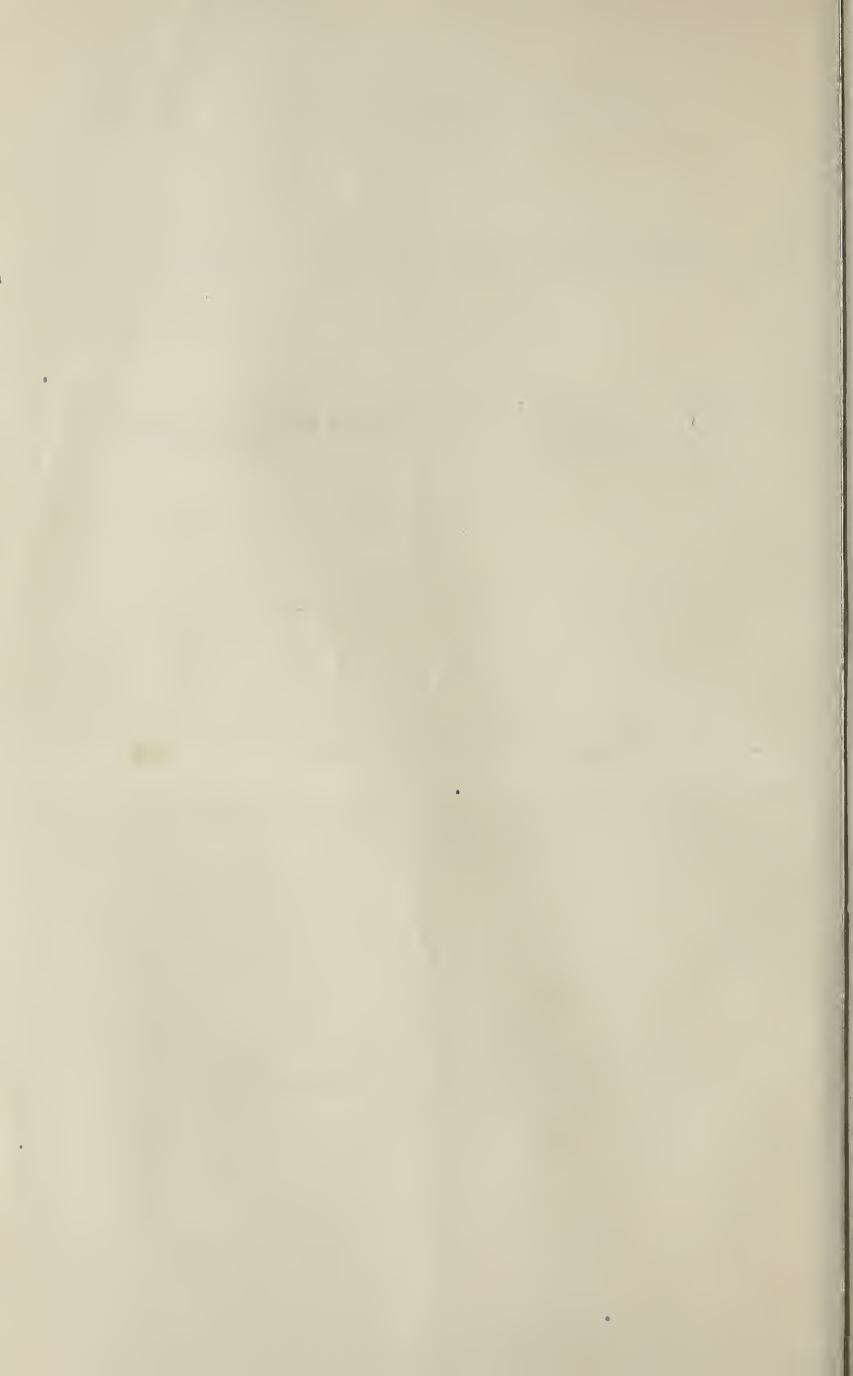
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REPORT.

TOWN OF ROCHESTER,

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Amount rec'd from A. S. Parshley, Treasurer,
for year 1878, being balance in hand, \$1,924 34

Rec'd from county $\frac{1}{2}$ liquor fine of G. D.

	Richardson,	25 00
"	" costs paid in Furbush case,	14 42
"	" " Hugh McIntire, "	12 88
"	" " Jenness "	1 50
"	" " Britts "	1 50
"	" " Ellis "	1 50
"	" " Horne "	1 50
"	Richard Cross for use of town hall,	24 00
"	on an abated tax,	4 85
"	A. T. Cotton, license from H. L.	
	Beecher for billiard table,	9 50
"	" A. D. Gerrish "	9 50
"	" S. H. Burnham 2 "	19 00
"	license from minstrel troupe,	1 00
"	" Australian Combination Co.,	2 00
"	N. P. Mf'g Co., old hydrant and pipe,	10 00
"	county, fees paid witnesses in Amasa	
	Dame's case,	19 60
"	do., do., Hobbs case,	3 22

Rec'd from N. P. Savings Bank, for $\frac{1}{2}$ of sidewalk,	15 00
“ Charles H. Horne, for plank,	58
“ Harry Bloodgood, license,	1 00
“ State Treasurer, insurance tax,	3 75
“ “ Railroad tax,	989 18
“ “ Savings Bank tax.	4,395 58
“ “ Literary fund,	412 18
“ James Farrington for plank,	1 57
“ county for aid paid for county paupers as follows :	

Aid rendered John Otis,	12 00
Mrs. Fred Britts,	7 00
James Flanagan,	4 00
Lawrence Flood,	104 00
Cornelius and Ellen Mahoney	45 03
Patience Hurd,	64 75
Abigail Horne,	18 12
Fannie Pickering,	52 00
Malinda Roberts,	6 00
George B. Jenness,	8 00
Ed. T. Atkins' family,	83 00
C. Lawson “	55 26
David Blanchard,	18 16
Ai Young,	22 00
Mary Day,	35 00
Sarah F. Maxfield,	5 00
Charles Seminul,	19 25
Alex. Courtour,	6 00
Miloir Lessard,	12 52
Thomas Hastie,	20 50
Jerry Sullivan family,	24 50
John Hall,	7 34

Aid rendered E. A. Tuttle,	10 00
Jesse Furbush,	18 25
J. M. Kenniston,	6 00
Transients,	37 75
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	\$701 43

Deducting from above amount for sum due the
county for board of town paupers, at the
county farm, as follows :

Board of Sarah A. Hurd, 24 weeks,	36 00
Ernest Hurd, "	24 00
Ruth Sanborn, 1 year,	130 00
G. Frank Page, son of Geo. W. Page,	78 00
Moody Cavender,	2 50
Clothing bill,	13 65
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	\$284 15
Balance received from county,	417 28
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Total Selectmen's receipts,	\$8,321 43

PAYMENTS BY SELECTMEN TO TREASURER.

Paid	A. W. Hayes, Treasurer,	1,924 34
March 24	"	52 30
April 12	"	6 00
May 6	"	24 00
" 8	"	4 85
" 24	"	9 50

Paid A. W. Hayes, Treasurer,		
May 31	"	9 50
June 21	"	1 00
July 1	"	2 00
August 4	"	9 50
" 25	"	10 00
September 2	"	9 50
October 17	"	22 82
November 5	"	15 00
December 4	"	58
January 19	"	1 00
" 23	"	5,800 69
" 26	"	1 57
February 28	"	417 28
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		\$8,321 43

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT,

Dr.

No. of District. Committee.

3,	Paid John F. Hayes, balance due on	
	1878 warrant,	25 09
7,	George D. Hussey, do., do.,	195 85
13,	George F. Pinkham, do., do.,	87 32
	1879.	
1,	Charles W. Chisholm, in part,	72 00
2,	James T. Hanson,	130 59
3,	Frank H. Chesley,	199 85
4,	John F. McDuffee,	143 59
5,	Joseph N. Hayes,	126 91

<i>No. of District.</i>	<i>Committee.</i>	
6,	Paid Joseph W. Ham,	134 19
7,	Philander Varney, in part,	270 00
8,	Charles A. Giles,	2,816 32
9,	Albert J. Parshley,	175 16
10,	George H. Springfield,	193 89
11,	Henry Foss,	178 35
12,	Wm. R. Thompson,	222 75
13,	Dudley B. Waldron,	126 88
14,	John H. Downing,	125 73
15,	Mrs. Mary F. Vickery,	168 12
16,	Charles F. Hayes,	93 57
17,	Charles W. Evans,	117 02
18,	George D. Pike,	135 73
19,	Everett M. Sinclair, in part,	274 00
20,	C. Henry Weeks,	84 84
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		\$6,097 75

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TAXES,

assessed by order of districts.

Paid S. F. Shorey for school district No. 19,	220 00
Nathaniel Shorey “ 9,	250 00
Rochester Savings Bank,	8, 1,354 81
Norway Plains Savings Bank,	8, 573 56
Chas. A. Giles,	8, 2,120 00
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	\$4,518 37

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid Lawrence Flood, 52 weeks aid,	104 00
P. H. Hartigan, goods del. Cornelius and Ellen Mahoney,	10 00
Wm. H. Canney, fitting wood do.,	2 00
P. H. Hartigan, groceries “	8 79
C. H. Hayes, ticket for Ellen Mahoney to Salem,	3 08
David Hayes, wood “	90
Wm. H. Canney, care and board of Patience Hurd,	45 00
George F. Willey, moving do.,	1 00
D. J. Folsom, wood del. Abigail Horne,	11 75
R. T. Rogers, “ “	6 39
J. D. Evans, 9 months aid Fannie Pickering,	39 00
Elizabeth Holt, 3 “ “	13 00
John F. Torr, 1½ cords wood del. Malinda Roberts,	6 00
Rochester Grange, goods del. George B. Jenness family,	8 00
A. U. Nason, 1 cord wood del. Ed. T. Atkins family,	5 00
Samuel Roberts, house rent do.,	78 00
W. S. Standley, goods del. C. Lawson family,	55 26
Rochester Grange, “ David Blanchard,	5 00
W. S. Standley, “ “	10 91
G. W. Springfield, milk “	2 25
James M. Brock, care of Ai Young,	16 00
James H. Edgerly, coffin for “	6 00
Mary F. Day, 35 weeks aid,	35 00

Paid Viola E. Swan, aid for Sarah F. Maxfield	
children,	5 00
Rochester Grange, goods del. Chas. Seminul,	15 00
R. T. Rogers, wood	4 25
W. S. Standley, groceries del. Alex Courtour,	6 00
W. S. Standley, " Miloir Lessard,	8 27
R. T. Rogers, wood	4 25
Webster & Cole, goods del. Thomas Hastie,	10 00
" " "	10 50
Mary E. Hart, house rent for Jerry Sullivan	
family,	24 50
Mrs. M. Gray, groceries del. John Hall,	2 09
J. W. Ham, wood	5 25
M. A. Thomas, board of E. A. Tuttle,	10 00
Rochester Grange, goods del. Jesse Furbush,	10 00
Thomas Durgin, fitting wood for "	1 00
David Hayes, wood del.	2 50
J. J. Meader, clothing for J. M. Kenniston,	6 00
Addie W. Alexander, aid,	23 55
C. W. Brown, transportation of transients,	70
George F. Willey, 35 tramps,	8 75
H. K. Roberts, wood for James Flanagan,	4 00
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	\$633 92

TOWN POOR.

Paid Eli Beede, wood del. Job Otis,	9 73
J. O. Sleeper, groceries del. Job Otis,	3 00
Rochester Grange, groceries del. Isaac	
Jenness,	20 00

Paid Chas. E. Hodgdon, wood del. Isaac Jenness,	5 75
David Hayes, " " "	3 50
L. B. Moulton, groceries del. " "	15 00
D. J. Folsom, wood, del. " "	3 50
A. U. Nason, " " "	5 00
J. O. Sleeper, groceries del. J. A. Wilkinson,	5 00
W. S. Standley, " " " "	10 00
Rochester Grange, " " " "	4 00
Geo. B. Roberts, rent for Chas. F. Wentworth's family,	68 00
Rochester Grange, groceries for Chas. F. Wentworth's family,	15 00
J. O. Sleeper, groceries del. Chas. F. Wentworth's family,	36 99
Mary Peno, board and care Stephen Hussey,	32 00
John Bickford, aid for " "	4 05
F. C. Hayes, burial robe for " "	3 00
Jas. H. Edgerly, coffin for " "	6 00
Thos. Durgin, fitting wood for John Collins,	1 00
David Hayes, wood delivered " "	2 50
L. B. Moulton, groceries del. " "	5 00
W. S. Standley, " " Wm. H. Canney,	6 25
L. B. Moulton, " " J. R. Jenness,	5 11
Rochester Grange, " " Chas. V. Foss,	3 00
Parshley & Walker, meat del. " "	1 02
" " " Albert D. Smith,	2 00
C. W. Brown, rent for John H. Nutter,	10 00
Geo. F. Willey, moving Seth Jenness to County Farm,	2 50
Louisa D. Emery, care of Rebecca Rogers,	20 00
Town Clerk of Barrington, certificate in pauper case,	58

Paid F. P. Virgin, 6 months as town doctor,	50 00
Charles Blazo, 6 months as town doctor,	125 00
C. W. Howe, school books for poor children,	7 95
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	\$491 43

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Catherine H. Graham, notes and interest,	449 95
J. Thorne Dodge, C. P. Hussey note and interest,	749 35
John F. Torr, note and interest,	1,275 23
Olive M. Rogers, Hulda Page note and interest,	308 02
Sarah F. Rogers, note and interest,	251 25
Pardon R. Francis, “	1,234 84
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	\$4,268 64

STREET LIGHTS.

Paid Globe Gas Light Co., Boston, lighting, Mar. to July 1,	360 00
United States Street Light Co., Boston, 5 lanterns and hangings,	35 50
United Street Light Co., 4 mos. lighting,	256 00
“ “ 3 “	198 00
B. & M. Railroad, freight,	52
Geo. F. Willey, moving and setting lights,	9 80
Chas. E. Clark, repairing lamp post,	2 50
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	\$862 32

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid B. & M. Railroad Co., freight on oil,	40
John F. Brock,	4 35
Veranus Horne, driving pump for Torrent 2,	2 50
A. W. Hayes, locks and hardware,	70 87
C. W. Howe, castor oil and sponges,	4 58
E. G. & E. Wallace, leather for packing,	9 45
Geo. W. Foss, sawing wood for Gonic Co.,	2 00
W. I. Philpot, work for H. & L. Co.,	6 00
S. Wolf & Co., wood for fire department,	38 50
G. Bradford, drawing hose truck to Gonic fire,	3 00
Frank Jackson, sawing wood for Torrent 2,	1 00
Thos. Durgin, " Cochecho 1,	1 00
T. E. Burnham & Co., crackers and cheese for Cochecho 1,	6 75
T. E. Burnham, hardware and oil,	14 57
W. P. Ela, " "	7 20
John B. Howe, work on machine,	2 90
Daniel Huckins, wood,	4 50
Veranus Horne. work on reservoirs,	25 00
Seth F. Corson, labor on E. Rochester machine,	8 85
Geo. W. Came, setting glass,	50
George G. Berry, printing for appointments,	3 00
R. H. Parker, repairs on Tiger machine,	15 25
John W. Roberts, repairs on Cochecho En- gine house,	3 00
Nashua Lock Co., keys,	1 50
W. P. Ela, goods for H. & L. and Hose Co.'s,	24 35
P. H. Hartigan, fish and crackers, Torrent 2,	5 35
George H. Jackson, oiling hose,	10 05
George W. Foss, " "	1 12

Paid S. Wolf & Co., rubber and oil suits,	38 25
Lyman Evans, work on hose,	6 50
J. Thorne Dodge, teams for engineers,	8 50
Sherburn & Co., 1 dozen lanterns,	6 75
C. M. Clapp & Co., rubber coats,	18 50
Belt and Leather Stuffing Co., 1 barrel oil,	61 75
James Hartford, fitting wood and work on hose,	5 25
Chas. E. Clark, work on machine,	4 25
Benj. Corson, work on East Rochester fire department,	2 00
N. P. M'f'g Co., repairs for fire department,	6 88
W. I. Philpot, steward for H. & L. Co.,	6 00
J. W. Roberts, work on machine,	7 50
Chas. H. Clark, straps for hose,	75
John Smith, sawing wood,	1 20
Benj. Corson, sawing wood and cleaning reservoirs,	2 05
C. E. Clark, repairs,	3 60
N. P. M'f'g Co., oak plank and machine work,	78
C. E. Clark, machine work,	7 15
Frank Brannan, crackers and fish, for Tor- rent 2, at fire,	10 78
B. & M. R. R. Co., freight,	95
Eastern R. R. Co., "	1 45
Geo. F. Farrow, provisions for firemen at Chase fire,	5 00
Burley Hall, rings and bolts,	3 00
Wm. Flagg, wood for Gonic Co.,	4 50
J. H. Meserve, work on H. & L. house,	11 32
Geo. W. Came, setting glass,	50
C. A. Giles, time and expense as engineer,	16 26

Paid E. A. Smith, straps for hose,	8 50
J. B. and P. R. Francis, work on Cochecho house,	3 00
Geo. F. Willey, clearing reservoirs,	39 27
John Legro, brick,	4 50
B. & M. R. R. Co., freight,	1 10
American Fire Hose Co., 800 ft. of hose,	722 50
Geo H. Jackson, repairing pipe,	1 50
F. E. Wallace & Co., chimneys, oil, &c.,	95
C. W. Howe, castor oil and chamois skin,	3 40
W. I. Philpot, work on H. & L. house,	9 00
W. S. Standley, matches,	55
E. C. Neal, drawing machine to Gonic fire,	3 50
Seth Meserve, repairs on Gonic machine,	5 06
A. W. Hayes, hardware and paints,	11 57
Frank Grover, repairs on East Rochester engine house,	7 86
W. P. Ela, repairs to stoves,	6 25
Somersworth Machine Co., water pipe,	16 62
Walworth M'f'g Co., 2 hydrants,	68 88
Swamscott Machine Co., pipe,	65 89
Veranus Horne, changing hydrants,	52 90
Ed. Keggeon, work on hydrants,	2 00
H. K. Roberts, raising Torrent Engine House, No. 2,	60 00
H. K. Roberts, foundation do.,	22 44
J. B. and P. R. Francis, repairing do.,	70 44
F. C. Manson, plastering do.,	40 72
S. H. Newell, painting do.,	39 00
S. B. Scruton, treasurer, service Pioneer Hose Co.,	150 00
H. B. Eugley, treasurer, Torrent, No. 5,	400 00

Paid S. C. Meader, treasurer, Tiger, No. 3,	400 00
R. B. Palmer, " Torrent, No. 2,	400 00
Frank Greenfield, " Cochecho, No. 1,	400 00
R. B. Wentworth, " H. & L.,	200 00
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	\$3,736 36

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Paid L. B. Moulton, crackers for lock-up,	3 25
I. Salinger, 2 comforters for "	3 00
W. S. Standley, 3 pails for "	1 25
Geo. L. Stackpole, witness fees in Amasa Dame's case,	2 45
John P. Lowell, handcuffs and twisters,	8 85
A. G. Colby, witness fees in Amasa Dame's case,	2 45
John H. Pingree, witness fees paid out in Amasa Dame's case,	12 25
W. S. Standley, crackers and oil for lock-up,	47
J Thorne Dodge, teams for police,	6 75
A. U. Nason, sheriff's fees,	6 00
J. O. Sleeper, supplies for lock-up,	6 29
F. E. Wallace & Co., locks for lock-up,	2 15
A. S. Parshley, witness fees, paid for witnesses before grand jury,	5 80
Geo. F. Willey, services as police, 1878, and work on station house,	36 30
Richard Cross, special police,	6 00

Paid Wm. B. Kennard, witness fees, prisoners and tramps,	41 32
J. L. Davidson, special police, Mar., 1879,	4 00
J. Fred Trickey, " "	4 00
Sarah Hartford, witness in Furbush case,	77
James Hartford, " "	77
M. E. Tufts, " "	77
W. C. Tufts, " "	77
E. Hammett, " "	3 22
W. P. Els, lamps, &c., for lock-up,	4 20
E. A. Willand, special police,	11 00
E. Hammett, sawing wood for lock-up,	1 00
Dr. F. P. Virgin, witness fee in H. McIntire case,	77
Dr. E. F. Gage, witness fee in McIntire case,	3 22
Fred Bretts, witness fee in S. H. Went- worth case,	1 54
Wm. Hall, witness fee in S. H. Wentworth case,	77
Lewis F. Horne, witness fee in Sam Howe case,	1 02
Edwin F. Dame, witness fee in Hobbs case,	3 22
Willie Skelley, " "	77
A. S. Parshley, paid Dame and Skelley, Hobbs case, 1 day at Dover,	4 90
Nute Bros., crackers and oil for lock-up,	1 43
L. B. Sampson, police, March 12, '78, to April 24, '79, balance of	57 50
L. B. Sampson, care of 83 tramps,	12 45
L. B. Sampson, for witness fees paid,	69 94
Geo. F. Willey, on account of services as police, 1879,	35 00

Paid John H. Pingree, services as police,	37 50
Thos. McCrillis, in full, police, 1879,	25 00
Isaac A. Willey, in full, police, 1879,	25 00
Geo. F. Willey, balance due services as police, 1878,	21 00
S. Dana Hayes, analyzing two samples of beer,	10 00
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BOUNTY ON FOXES AND HAWKS.

Paid C. W. Varney, bounty on 1 hawk,	20
J. M. Plummer, " 3 "	60
John W. Clark, " 1 "	20
James A. Piercey, " 1 "	20
Jos. Warburton, " 3 "	60
Geo. F. Randall, " 1 "	20
Hoyt Wentworth, " 1 "	20
Isaac B. Jenness, " 1 "	20
Gilman A. Pearl, " 2 "	40
Daniel G. Ricker, " 1 "	20
J. Edwin Nichols, " 1 "	20
James Y. Emery, " 2 "	40
Alonzo H. Foss, " 1 "	20
R. T. Rogers, " 4 "	80
Wm. J. Roberts, " 1 "	20
Alonzo H. Foss, " 1 "	20
Geo. H. Meserve, " 3 "	60
Joseph Warburton, " 3 "	60

Paid Chas. D. Chaney, bounty on 1 hawk,		20
Chas. C. Wentworth, "	1 "	20
C. M. Hart,	" 1 "	20
C. Hart,	" 1 "	20
David F. Ham,	" 1 "	20
S. W. Goodwin,	" 2 "	40
Fred Howard,	" 1 "	20
B. M. Foss,	" 1 "	20
Geo. E. Clark,	" 4 "	80
Joseph Warburton,	" 2 "	40
Ed. Kergeon,	" 1 "	20
Samuel Howe,	" 1 "	20
Joseph Warburton,	" 5 "	1 00
George Leighton,	" 2 foxes,	1 00
George E. Hurd,	" 2 "	1 00
S. H. Wentworth,	" 8 "	4 00
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		\$16 60

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid Veranus Horne, laying wall Rochester Hill		
Cemetery,		164 94
Wm. Price, work	do.,	3 00
B. G. Patch,	" "	3 00
C. Vallie,	" "	3 00
Peter Billodus,	" "	3 00
Thos. Hartigan,	" "	3 00
George A. Pickering,	stone, "	38 22
Edward Kergeon,	drawing " "	26 88

Paid George Bradford, work on Rochester Hill

Cemetery,	14 00
John B. Moore, gate irons for do.,	1 75
E. J. Lane & Co., pamphlet laws,	1 00
B. L. E. Gowen, damage to horse in dist. 3,	5 00
James H. Edgerly, services as Auditor '78,	6 00
Charles W. Folsom, printing town accounts,	
check lists, blanks, etc., etc.,	183 25
Geo. G. Berry, printing tax bills and blanks,	8 25
Ira F. Young, damage to self and team,	
dist. 18,	12 50
Paul A. Hurd, setting 50 trees on common,	53 50
James Wightman, damage, dist. 14,	8 00
John Blake, lumber to repair pound,	50
A. U. Nason, sheriff's fees in Calef case,	29 29
Jona. Wentworth, teams used,	16 75
M. H. Osgood, care of town clock,	23 00
John Greenfield, sheriff's fees,	33 70
A. U. Blake, repairing pound,	2 84
Sophia M. Young, damage, broken arm,	
dist. 35,	215 00
S. F. Sanderson, books and ink for Treas'r,	1 40
Geo. G. Berry, printing highway blanks,	5 50
E. J. Lane & Co., invoice and inventory books,	7 60
A. S. Parshley, insurance, town buildings,	97 50
Dr. F. P. Virgin, record of births and deaths,	4 00
" I. W. Lougee, " " "	3 25
" Charles Blazo, " " "	5 50
" B. W. Sargent, " " "	2 50
" Jas. Farrington, " " "	9 00
" E. F. Gage, " " "	3 25
" T. J. Sweatt, " " "	11 00

Paid Dr. M. R. Warren, record of births and deaths,	3 00
" Wm. Waterhouse,	25
Geo. G. Berry, printing Treasurer's orders,	5 00
J. B. & P. R. Francis, labor on town hall,	8 00
Henry Kimball and Ezekiel True, school committee, 1878,	125 00
E. J. Lane & Co., surveyors' and collectors' books,	8 90
Geo. B. Roberts and Sumner Wallace, supervisors, 1878,	36 00
Byron Hobart, damage by being thrown from team,	50 00
J. Wentworth, team,	1 25
E. J. Mathes, Auditor 1878,	6 00
Charles D. Chaney, damage to wagon,	5 50
Wilbur F. Warren, for Sampson Post,	100 00
Sarah A. Chesley, damage to team,	3 00
J. A. Cline, 7 school maps,	35 00
A. S. Parshley, money paid to summons wit- nesses in George T. McDuffee suit,	29 44
Dr. John R. Ham, fees	20 00
Dr. Levi G. Hill,	20 00
George W. Fernald,	15 50
G. F. Richardson, tickets for jury	7 80
J. Thorne Dodge, dinners	6 50
Dr. I. W. Lougee, witness fees,	2 45
A. L. Morey, school committee 1879,	25 00
Henry Kimball and E. True	135 00
Henry Kimball, services as collector, '78,	450 00
Harry Hough, county tax,	7,050 13
Solon A. Carter, State tax,	5,648 00
A. T. Cotton, services as Town Clerk,	130 00

Paid A. T. Cotton, books and stationery,	6 18
A. W. Hayes, services as Treasurer,	100 00
Cyrus K. Sanborn, services for town,	36 00
Worcester & Gafney,	
services for town,	282 00
" in McDuffee case,	200 00
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	482 00
Cr. By costs received,	155 33
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	326 67
Joseph O. Hayes,	
going to Barrington in Young case,	4 00
serving notices for perambulation,	4 00
moving Patience Hurd to Co. farm,	2 50
to Strafford, pauper case,	3 00
teams for East Rochester police,	3 00
looking after Byron Hobart's case,	2 00
H. W. Roberts,	
1 trip to county farm,	1 00
to Great Falls, in Hobart & Drew case,	1 00
examining into Hobart's case,	1 00
A. S. Parshley,	
time and expense to Dover, drawing	
court costs,	2 00
to Concord before tax commissioners,	8 50
1 day in Barrington to settle with	
Mrs. Young,	2 00
time and expense to Boston on street	
lights,	8 00
making returns of Milton, Barrington	
and Strafford perambulations,	3 00
1½ day attending court in Beecher case,	4 00
returns on three road petitions,	3 00

Paid A. S. Parshley,	
time and expense at Dover, twice, to	
see Solicitor, Commissioners,	
and draw court fees,	4 00
$\frac{1}{2}$ day in Hobart & Drew damage cases,	1 00
time and expense to pay county tax,	1 50
“ “ State tax	
and draw State funds,	8 50
5 days and expense in McDuffee law-	
suit,	14 00
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	\$15,486 44

MISCELLANEOUS HIGHWAY BILLS.

Paid A. W. Hayes, scrapers and spikes, 1878,	125 17
“ “ “ ’79,	66 58
“ 350 ft. cement pipe,	135 00
Wm. M. Hart, supporting watering trough.	3 00
Edward Josselyn, land damage awarded Pat.	
Burke, on Maple street, in 1871,	25 00
James Corson, plank and timber,	86 25
Rochester Grange, $\frac{1}{2}$ of sidewalk,	12 50
Silas H. Dame, drawing stone, Willow	
brook bridge,	81 60
John White, stone for do.,	128 50
Dyer P. Hall, drawing do.,	12 00
Veranus Horne, laying sidewalk in front of	
N. P. Savings Bank,	30 00

Paid H. Hale estate, $\frac{1}{2}$ of sidewalk,	47 50
Lewis Hanson, “	10 00
Daniel Swain, damage to team,	2 00
A. W. Hayes, $\frac{1}{2}$ of sidewalk by Standley store,	18 00
Henry Kimball, trustee, land damage widening Autumn street,	175 00
Warren Wadleigh, support of watering trough 2 years,	6 00
A. U. Nason, spruce timber,	8 19
H. K. Roberts, plank del. in 1878,	56 61
Ira L. Bickford, laying culvert and passway,	20 00
George Roberts, watering trough,	3 00
Oliver W. Hussey, sanding sidewalks,	2 25
George F. Willey, “	6 50
A. U. Nason, stone,	56 15
Hanson Evans, watering trough,	3 00
H. K. Roberts, plank and timber,	107 22
John F. Torr, “	217 67
James H. Edgerly, guideboards,	3 50
John F. Wentworth, land for grade,	20 00
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	\$1,468 19

SELECTMEN'S BILLS.

To distributing inventory blanks,	54 00
Taking inventory,	75 00
Making taxes,	75 00
Revising returns, and hearings on same,	25 00
Recording and distributing school warrants,	12 00

To recording and distributing road lists,	15 00
" " collector's list,	10 00
Assessing tax in school dist. 8,	30 00
" " 9,	6 00
" " 19,	9 00
Enrolling militia,	12 00
Enumerating school children,	30 00
Revising jury box and drawing jury,	12 00
Appointment of town officers,	25 00
Keeping dog account,	10 00
Overseers of the Poor,	50 00
Making up county accounts and settling with commissioners,	12 00
Hearing on petition of S. Wolf and others,	
Hiram Felker "	
I. W. Springfield "	
Daniel Cater "	
C. W. Dame "	69 00
Laying out Barrington road with Comm'rs,	8 00
Letting and looking after Rochester hill cemetery,	15 00
Examining roads and bridges and new roads,	50 00
Perambulating Rochester and Milton line,	5 00
" " Barrington "	15 00
" " Strafford "	5 00
Return of railroad stock to Sec'y of State,	5 00
Making up town accounts and settling with Auditors,	30 00
Keeping account with Treasurer and recording orders,	50 00
Warrants for annual election,	10 00
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	\$724 00

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT—BY SURVEYORS' ORDERS.

<i>No. of District.</i>	<i>Name of Surveyor.</i>	<i>Year.</i>	
1.	John A. Tebbetts,	1878,	70 50
	Asa P. Roberts,	1879,	157 37
2.	John W. Clark,	1878-9,	81 23
3.	John W. Tebbetts,	1878,	122 90
	Joseph W. Corson,	1879,	423 83
4.	John Bickford,	1878-9,	507 71
5.	Jonas Plummer,	1878,	70 62
	Albert E. Wentworth,	1879,	63 20
6.	John F. Torr,	1878-9,	44 60
7.	Solomon Evans,	1878,	55 63
	George T. McDuffee,	1879,	468 14
8.	John Legro,	1877,	5 67
	John Greenfield,	1878,	31 30
	James Wentworth,	1879,	1,426 42
9.	Enoch Chamberlin,	"	61 65
10.	Albert M. Horne,	1878,	52 48
	Simon L. Horne,	1879,	65 24
11.	James Murray,	1878-9,	96 12
12.	Fernando Gale,	1878,	72 00
	Edward L. Tebbetts,	1879,	71 25
13.	James W. McDuffee,	1878,	44 75
	Henry K. Roberts,	1879,	114 95
14.	John S. Hayes,	1878,	428 47
	Dana H. McDuffee,	1879,	1,151 14
15.	George F. Hodgdon,	1878,	15 15
	Charles W. Evans,	1879,	93 38
16.	Benjamin F. Hayes,	1878,	85 50
	James L. Osborne,	1879,	270 73
17.	Solon M. Woodward,	1878-9,	61 50

<i>No. of District.</i>	<i>Name of Surveyor.</i>	<i>Year.</i>	
18.	Hiram S. Osborne,	1878,	68 60
	John H. Osborne,	1879,	87 87
19.	J. Edwin Chesley,	1878,	66 37
	Walter S. Hussey,	1879,	62 00
20.	John S. Calef,	1878,	30 66
	George F. Pinkham,	1879,	26 90
21.	Bickford Rand, jr.,	1878-9,	109 74
22.	Charles E. Estes,	1878,	53 65
	Henry W. Peaslee,	1879,	69 75
23.	Edward O. Smith,	1878,	12 75
	Richmond H. Clark,	1879,	21 82
24.	Charles H. Seavey,	1878-9,	179 73
25.	Joseph N. Hayes,	1878,	42 54
	John W. Hall,	1879,	47 10
26.	William Flagg,	1878-9,	75 27
27.	Azariah Pearl,	1878,	57 94
	John W. Hurd,	1879,	60 05
28.	Hanson Evans,	1878,	52 65
	William Jenness,	1879,	55 03
29.	William M. Hart,	1878-9,	90 35
30.	Isaac H. Twombly,	1878,	43 75
	William Ramsbottom,	1879,	88 50
31.	William H. Woodes,	1878-9,	100 29
32.	Albert J. Parshley,	"	213 80
33.	Simon Wentworth,	1878,	20 00
	Charles F. Hayes,	1879,	37 14
34.	Jacob K. Bickford,	1878,	26 55
	Ephraim Kimball,	1879,	38 55
35.	Samuel Ham,	1878-9,	81 35

\$8,134 13

ADAMS FUND.

Amount in hand brought forward from last year, 34 07
 Interest rec'd on the invested fund of \$9700, 582 00

\$616 07

Adams fund paid to Treasurer, as per his
 vouchers, 616 07

Orders have been drawn for the payment of the
 above, as follows :

Paid Mary J. Lane,	10 00
Mary Burnham,	10 00
Abigail T. Ricker,	10 00
Elizabeth Hayes,	10 00
Adelaide Place,	10 00
Charlotte Place,	10 00
Ann Selmans,	10 00
Betsey R. Daggett,	10 00
Rhoda Roberts,	10 00
Emeline Page,	10 00
Lydia Nutter,	10 00
Elizabeth McFarland,	10 00
Sarah E. Bickford,	10 00
Judith Clark,	10 00
Mary E. Crawford,	10 00
Mary E. Nutter,	10 00
Sarah Nason,	10 00
Deborah Canney,	10 00
Eliza A. Downs,	10 00
Dorothy Libbey,	5 46
Lydia A. Warren,	10 00
Anna Jenkins,	10 00
Rebecca Rogers,	10 00
Fannie Pickering,	10 00
Hipsibah Hurd,	10 00
Abigail Ham,	10 00
Louisa W. Chadbourn,	10 00

Paid Juda Hurd,	10 00
Addie R. Wentworth,	10 00
Sarah Earl,	10 00
Ann Clark,	10 00
Louisa M. Hayes,	10 00
Abra C. Mace,	10 00
Olive Corson,	10 00
Mary A. Smith,	10 00
Abby Jenness,	10 00
Syvesta Page,	10 00
Margaret Tuttle,	10 00
Eunice Brackett,	10 00
Sarah Hussey,	10 00
Melinda R. Corson,	10 00
Hannah M. Hall,	10 00
Melinda Roberts,	10 00
Esther Yeaton,	10 00
Patience Wentworth,	10 00
Betsey Smith,	10 00
Fannie S. Wingate,	10 00
Sarah A. Foss,	10 00
Susan G. Roberts,	10 00
Dorothy Jenness,	10 00
Lovey Hoyt,	10 00
Louisa Corson,	10 00
Eliza S. Moore,	10 00
Amanda Tebbetts,	10 00
Abigail Henderson,	10 00
Rebecca Horney,	10 00
Lydia Hurd,	10 00
Paid Selectmen, collecting interest, and keeping accounts,	20 00
Undrawn balance of fund,	30 61
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	\$616 07

RECAPITULATION OF ORDERS DRAWN.

School Department,	6,097 75
Special School Districts,	4,518 37
County Paupers,	633 92
Town Poor,	491 43
Notes and Interest,	4,268 64
Street Lights,	862 32
Fire Department,	3,736 36
Police Department,	486 11
Bounty on Foxes and Hawks,	16 60
Miscellaneous Bills,	15,486 44
Miscellaneous Highway,	1,468 19
Selectmen's Bills,	724 00
Highway Department,	8,134 13
Adams Fund,	585 46
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	\$47,509 72

Amount of tax assessed for year 1879, is :

Town, State and County,	36, 442 15
Special in School District 8,	4,319 57
“ “ 9,	258 67
“ “ 19,	227 53
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	\$41,247 92

Amt. collected by Henry Kimball for interest, 108 23

There is now due in Henry Kimball's list, 1878,	448 41
From Henry Kimball's list, 1879,	4,694 53
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	\$5,142 94

Abatements in John Greenfield's list, 1876,	16 67
“ “ “ 1877,	66 59
“ Henry Kimball's “ 1878,	122 37
“ “ “ 1879,	583 48

Cash balance in hands of Town Treasurer, \$5,077 42

We have examined the foregoing accounts for the fiscal year ending March 1, 1880, and found them fully vouched and correctly cast.

March 8, 1880.

E. J. MATHES,
JAS. H. EDGERLY, } Auditors.

The dog account for the year is as follows :

Amount of Dog tax assessed,	248 00
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Bills have been approved for damage, and will be payable on and after April 20, as follows :

Henry K. Roberts,	5 sheep and 5 lambs,	25 00
Daniel M. Henderson,	2 "	8 00
Azariah Pearl,	2 "	8 00
Dexter S. Foss,	20 turkeys,	15 00
James McDuffee,	6 "	5 00
George W. Hodgdon,	1 sheep,	5 00
Isaac Wentworth,	1 "	4 00
James Burnham,	1 "	3 50
Charles F. Hayes,	2 "	8 00
Martin Snow,	damage to horse,	25 00
		<hr/> \$106 50

State tax for 1880, as per warrant,	\$6,024 00
County " " "	\$7,082 39

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. PARSHLEY, } Selectmen
H. W. ROBERTS, } of
J. O. HAYES, } Rochester.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
FOR THE TOWN,
AND FOR
SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 8,
IN THE
TOWN OF ROCHESTER,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1880.

TOWN OF ROCHESTER, March 10, 1880.

At the annual town meeting, on presentation of the Report of the School Committee, the following vote was passed:

Voted, That the Report of the Superintending School Committee be printed with the Town Reports.

Attest, ALBERT T. COTTON, Town Clerk

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The schools for the year, as a whole, have been unusually successful. In striking contrast with last year, none can properly be designated as failures. True, some did not attain to so high a standard of proficiency as could be desired, but on the other hand, many have been superior schools ; so much so that we deem them worthy of especial mention.

District No. 16 has had three terms of school under the instruction of an earnest and experienced teacher who seemed to infuse her pupils with her own spirit. Her efforts were supplemented by the co-operation of the citizens. The result of these combined efforts was a very marked improvement on the part of the pupils. We think, however, that the pupils richly merit a better school-room, and trust that the deep interest which the citizens have always manifested in their schools, will induce them, ere long, to provide one.

The citizens of East Rochester, though heretofore somewhat indifferent in regard to their schools, and often unfortunate in the selection of teachers, have taken quite a deep interest in them this year, and have been unusually fortunate in the selection of teachers.

The improvement of the pupils, both in scholarship and deportment, was very gratifying. Better than all, however, is the fact that a new school-house, with more and larger rooms than in the old, is about to be erected on their recently purchased school lot. The location of the lot is central, and its area amply sufficient to afford abundant room for school buildings and play grounds. These improvements our eyes have desired to see, lo, these many years, and we are glad to behold them looming up from the horizon, even at this late day.

The schools in District No. 3 have not in years past always been satisfactory to the Committee or the citizens, but by obtaining the services of a skillful and experienced teacher and retaining her throughout the year, very commendable progress was made by the scholars, and the schools met the approbation of the Committee, and, we believe, of the citizens.

We will not specify further, though a number of the other schools are worthy of notice.

We are glad to report so favorably on the success of our schools, yet we believe far better results could be obtained by abandoning the district system and placing the schools in the care of a board of education, as recommended in the last school report.

Our present school system presents the anomaly of twenty school districts, constituting, as it were, so many separate and distinct little republics, managed almost exclusively by as many different prudential committees, whose fitness for the important duties of the office is as various as are the capacities of the different individuals of the body politic. Sometimes

competent teachers are secured with fair remuneration, and, consequently, shorter terms of school; but often-er incompetent ones, or those of doubtful capacities are employed, with meagre compensation and longer schools. In one case the quality, and in the other the quantity of teaching is the chief aim. This ought not so to be. The best teachers should always be secured, the length of the schools in the several districts, and from year to year, should be uniform. The schools could then all be thoroughly graded, the quantity of school-work for each term marked out, and, by a strict supervision, those in charge of the schools could see that the work was well done in all its parts.

We see no way to accomplish this desired end, and bring our schools under one uniform management, except to trust them, exclusively, to the care of a board of education.

Napoleon, when the French Government attempted to divide his command between himself and another general, promptly resigned, remarking that "ONE bad general was better than two good ones." The truth of the remark has been so universally accepted, that it has become a maxim.

But the trouble that besets us is far greater than that which threatened Napoleon. Our school system is divided up, not merely between two independent individuals, but between TWENTY; and they by no means always the best fitted for their duties. Unity is as essential to the efficiency of schools as of armies.

We believe, too, that a board of education would be no more expensive than our present system, especially when we consider that several of our school districts,

which have an average daily attendance of less than ten scholars, might be united or joined to others without detriment. But even if it should prove some more costly, liberality in school expenditures is economy. Ignorance is expensive in that it fosters crime and makes criminals, whom it costs more to punish than it would to have prevented their crime by educating them while young. Then, too, the preservation of our system of government depends upon the intelligence of the people, and their ability to appreciate its blessings. Of all people, Americans should take pride in their schools and grudge no reasonable amount of expenditure, if necessary to their efficiency.

In passing, allow us to say that district No. 1 is sadly in need of a new school-house, and we are gratified to learn that a move to this end is being made, and sincerely hope it may prove successful.

Finally, we would urge upon our citizens the necessity of more frequent visits to the school-room, not only at examinations, but at other times. A more correct knowledge of the efficiency of the schools would be thus obtained; and, what is of more value, the interest manifested by their presence would cause the pupils to more highly esteem the schools, and serve to stimulate the zeal of both pupils and teachers in their respective duties.

HENRY KIMBALL, } Superintending
EZEKIEL TRUE, } School Com.

No. of District.	PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES.	No. Scholars En-rolled.	No. Attending to Reading & Spelling	To Penmanship.	To Arithmetic.	To Geography.	To Grammar.	To U. S. History.	To the Higher English.
1	Chas. W. Chisholm	17	17	9	10	5	4	..	..
2	James T. Hanson....	12	12	5	9	3	5	2	7
3	Frank H. Chesley...	39	39	25	33	19	12	5	4
4	John F. McDuffee...	10	10	6	7	5	4	3	2
5	Joseph N. Hayes....	6	6	4	4	3	2	1	..
6	Joseph W. Ham....	17	17	14	14	10	4	2	..
7	Philander Varney...	53	53	24	33	20	12	5	5
9	Albert J. Parshley..	36	36	23	16	10	10	4	..
10	Geo. H. Springfield	34	34	15	18	12	13	4	4
11	Henry Foss.....	36	36	26	22	17	10	3	4
12	Wm. R. Thompson	40	40	16	24	13	10	..	3
13	Dudley B. Waldron	8	8	8	7	6	4	..	3
14	John H. Downing..	11	11	11	11	8	6	4	3
15	Mrs. M. F. Vickery	15	15	7	8	6	2	2	1
16	Charles F. Hayes....	11	11	11	10	7	6	..	7
17	Charles W. Evans...	11	10	7	7	7	7	..	2
18	George D. Pike.....	12	12	8	9	4	3	..	1
19	Everett M. Sinclair..	115	115	79	68	62	46	5	3
20	C. Henry Weeks....	12	11	4	7	4	3	..	..

No. of District.	TERMS.	Length of Terms in weeks.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	Wages of Teachers per month.	No. of Scholars.	Av. Attendance.
1	Summer	10	Nellie M. Prouty.....	\$24 00	14	10
"	Winter	13	J. H. Goodwin.....	32 00	12	11
2	Summer	6	Miss N. S. Horne....	22 00	10	8.6
"	Winter	12 4-5	Miss Sarah C. Horne	26 00	10	8.6
3	Summer	8	Miss Mattie N. Hanson	28 00	30	28.7
"	Fall	8	do.	28 00	31	29
"	Winter	10	do.	28 00	30	25
4	Summer	8	Sarah M. Hussey.....	22 00	7	5.5
"	Winter	13	Daniel F. Jenness....	28 00	6	5.5
5	Summer	4	Nellie F. Wentworth	19 00	3	3
"	Fall	5	Emma F. Watson....	19 00	5	4.8
"	Winter	5	Nellie F. Wentworth	22 00	5	4.4
6	Summer	8	Ella M. Greenleaf....	22 00	11	10.4
"	Fall	6	do.	22 00	14	13
"	Winter	9 4-5	W. W. Browne.. ...	22 00	13	10.5
7	Summer	11	Emma J. Cowell.....	32 00	42	31
"	Fall	12	do.	32 00	44	32
"	Winter	13	Dana P. Dame.....	36 00	45	34
9	Summer	10	Celia A. Wentworth..	28 00	34	31.4
"	Winter	13	do. ..	28 00	34	26.6
10	Summer	8	Addie M. Canney....	23 00	21	18.7
"	Fall	8	Mary E. Mason.....	24 00	27	23
"	Winter	11	do.	28 00	30	21
11	Summer	10	Ella I. Howard.....	22 00	28	24.7
"	Winter	12	Charles W. Weeks...	35 00	28	21.8
12	Summer	12	Jennie S. Swain.....	22 00	32	24
"	Winter	12	R. F. Hanscam.....	44 00	27	21
13	Summer	10	Lillie K. Hodgdon....	22 00	7	5.5
"	Winter	10	do.	22 00	7	5.7
14	Summer	6	Clara H. Roberts.....	22 00	10	8
"	Fall	15	do.	22 00	11	8
15	Summer	10	Ida G. Bickford.....	26 00	11	10
"	Fall	15 2-5	do.	26 00	12	11.5
*16	Summer	10	Linda M. Browne....	24 00	8	7
"	Fall	8	do.	24 00	11	10
"	Winter	13	do.	24 00	11	9

*United with district in Milton.

No. of District.	TERMS.	Length of Terms in weeks.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	Wages of Teachers per month.	No. of Scholars.	Av. Attendance.
17	Summer	9	Lizzie M. Young.....	24 00	10	9.7
"	Fall	10	Edna I. Huckins.....	24 00	10	9.3
18	Summer	11	Millie L. Tebbetts....	24 00	10	8
"	Fall	11	do.	24 00	8	7
†19	Summer	10	M. Carrie Manson....	24 00	51	43
"	Fall	8 1 2	do.	28 00	47	40
"	Winter	12	do.	28 00	38	30
‡19	Summer	10	Nellie Evans.....	36 00	46	39
"	Fall	8	Abbie D. Buck.....	36 00	44	37
"	Winter	12	George C. Evans.....	50 00	35	29
20	Summer	7	Emma F. Cole.....	20 00	11	6.6
"	Fall	9 1-2	do.	20 00	11	6

†Primary Department.

‡Grammar Department.

No. of District.	Tuitions and bal- ances from last year.	Amount of money required to be raised by law.	*Amount otherwise obtained.	Am't paid Teach- ers, incl'g board.	Miscellaneous ex- penses.	Balance on hand.	Amount expended for each Scholar.
1	\$ 4 50	\$ 97 31	\$ 76 00	\$ 157 00	\$ 11 25	\$ 9 56	\$ 9 90
2	.....	54 59	76 00	116 20	14 40	.....	10 88
3	59	123 85	76 00	182 00	16 50	1 94	5 09
4	6 00	67 59	76 00	135 00	8 59	6 00	14 36
5	31	50 91	76 00	118 25	8 60	37	21 14
6	8 13	58 19	76 00	130 00	12 32	.....	8 37
7	18 19	323 03	76 00	291 00	52 80	55 23	6 49
9	1 59	99 16	76 00	161 00	15 05	70	4 89
10	.....	117 89	76 00	175 10	16 15	2 64	5 62
11	19	102 35	76 00	160 00	17 13	1 41	4 92
12	7 49	146 75	76 00	198 00	24 45	7 79	5 56
13	10 27	50 88	76 00	110 00	26 29	86	17 04
14	.....	49 73	76 00	117 38	8 35	.....	11 43
15	2 46	92 12	76 00	164 10	3 15	3 33	11 15
16	13 50	17 57	76 00	103 50	1 70	1 87	9 56
17	2 62	41 02	76 00	114 02	2 87	2 77	10 62
18	15	59 73	76 00	132 00	2 50	1 38	11 21
19	70 25	527 82	76 00	531 00	71 23	71 84	5 24
20	.....	8 84	76 00	82 50	2 34	.....	7 07

*The items in this column is obtained by adding the following numbers:

Each district's proportion of the \$500 extra money raised,	\$25.00
“ “ Literary Fund,	20.00
“ “ Railroad Tax,	31.00
	<hr/> \$76.00

REPORT OF SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT No. 8,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1880.

The Superintending School Committee respectfully submit the following report for the year ending March 6, 1880 :

Concerning the year just ended, we would say in brief, that it has been one of the most successful, and certainly the pleasantest, within our experience.

Our schools have been less interrupted by sickness than usual, cases of insubordination have been rare, and few complaints in regard to school management have been made; indeed, very little has occurred to mar the general harmony, and affairs have glided on quite smoothly. As a whole, we believe our schools have been well governed and well taught. Much praise might be justly accorded, and especial excellencies pointed out, but this is hardly the place for flattering encomiums. A cursory review of the past six or eight years, reveals many interesting points of contrast between the schools of then, and now—too many, perhaps.

to be considered in a report necessarily brief. Improvements, however, are clearly obvious; and the good fruits of systematic training so manifest as to require no argument in its behalf. During these years our system has been gaining in stability and efficiency, and while present results are gratifying, the outlook is encouraging, and we are confident of far better results in the future.

The schools are divided into twelve grades—three Primary, two Intermediate, three Grammar and four High school,—making four divisions,—with an enrolment during the year, of over six hundred pupils, a large proportion of whom are among the Primaries.

Adequate supervision of these schools requires much care, time and thought. Your Committee do not claim that they have in all respects satisfied themselves in the performance of this duty, yet have endeavored to discharge it as faithfully as the nature of the office, want of time, and many other duties would permit. While they have an abiding sense of the responsibilities resting upon them, and of your right to hold them to the strictest accountability, they feel it with especial keenness, once a year, or at the time when promotions are made. Then of all times do they feel the need of wisdom and courage. A natural desire to please parents, reluctance to disappoint pupils, and the constantly overcrowded condition of lower grades, are strong inducements for the promotion of all. On the other hand, the good, both of the individual and the class, often demands exceptions. In a report given some years since, a Superintendent says: "If pupils are advanced too rapidly, they inevitably become dis-

couraged, and acquire indolent and careless habits from the unsatisfactory results of their exertions. Every step taken should be firmly secured before another is attempted." Experience and observation verify the statement. Besides, a pupil who is not up to the class average, is always a dead weight to it, and a constant annoyance to the teacher. In classes numbering twenty, thirty or forty pupils, there is of course much diversity of age, development and capacity, and consequently a difference in attainments; differences which sometimes make it imperative that some should remain where they are, longer than others.

Those whose business it is to decide these points should not therefore be charged with using unfair discrimination or partiality, since there can be no motive for either.

Prominent among the evils which we still deprecate, and somewhat allied to this matter, is irregularity of attendance, often alluded to heretofore. Good attendance is always a prime characteristic of a model school. Without it none can be really successful. While teachers and committees can do something to secure it, we believe the greater part of the responsibility rests with parents; and regret to say that in many instances they are remiss in duty, and allow their children to remain away from school, for trivial reasons. As a rule, those who maintain the best class standing, are those who are always there, unless detained by sickness. A little "toning up" on the part of parents in this direction, a little more self-denial in keeping children in school throughout the term and the course, would not only help our reports wonderfully, but what is the main

thing, secure to themselves far more satisfactory results.

While a large number of the enrolled are thus irregular in attendance, we greatly fear that a considerable number within the district NEVER attend ; which seems to us a serious evil, and one which cannot be remedied to any great extent, with our present school-room accommodations. Allusion to this matter is mere repetition of what has been many times said in former reports and elsewhere. That Main street and Wakefield street buildings are inadequate and unsuitable for their present purposes, and contrary to all laws of health and ventilation, is sufficiently evident. We merely state the fact in passing, hoping that as "a continual dropping wears a stone," so our humble but oft-repeated efforts may accomplish something.

As our schools have been progressive in the past, so we intend and expect them to be in the future. Suitable school-room accommodations and appliances are important means of education in themselves. The children of Rochester are worthy of them. A leading religious newspaper, in commenting upon the recent bill for creating a National Educational Fund, says : "Nothing is so certain to guarantee the perpetuity of our republican system, and at the same time bless the whole country with good laws wisely and well administered, as to elevate the character of the people by a thorough and widely diffused system of education. This, while abridging crime and guarding against popular disorders, will make intelligent voters, and such voters will be sure to take care of the body politic." A statement to which we all yield ready assent, and

should therefore do all in our power to secure it, and also to avail ourselves of its privileges as far as possible. But the fact is, that even in this land, whose schools are its pride and boast, large numbers do not rightly estimate their advantages. For many of our children never go beyond the Primary and Intermediate schools; and thus the making of intelligent voters is thrown largely upon the teachers of these grades, and the work generally has to be accomplished between the ages of five and eight, or ten at the oldest. Especially is this true in manufacturing towns.

We hope that in our own village, in years to come, there may be a reform here, and that our Grammar and High schools may be allowed to share more largely in this onerous undertaking.

SUSAN M. WARREN,	} Superintending
EZEKIEL TRUE,	
HENRY KIMBALL,	
	School
	Committee.

SCHOOLS.	Whole Number of Pupils.						Average Number Enrolled.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. Attendance.
	Summer.	Fall.	Winter.	For the year.	Boys.	Girls.			
High School.....	47	48	44	51	23	28	45 $\frac{1}{2}$	44	97
Grammar School..	106	100	94	114	51	63	96 $\frac{3}{4}$	91	94
Main-st. Int.....	45	42	43	48	24	24	43	41	95
Wakefield-st. Int.	46	47	46	53	25	28	44	40	91
Pound-st. “	28	29	29	32	16	16	28 $\frac{2}{3}$	20	70
Main-st. Primary	49	46	45	59	25	34	44 $\frac{1}{2}$	39	89
Wakefield-st. “	48	52	52	71	40	31	45	43	96
Maple-st. “	49	61	52	83	51	32	48	42	87 $\frac{1}{2}$
Portland-st. “	45	40	37	47	20	27	37	34	92
Pound-st. “	33	49	41	49	25	24	41	31	76
Totals.....	496	514	483	607	300	307	473 $\frac{1}{3}$	425	90

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	WAGES.
High School,	{ Charles E. Hussey, . . . }	{ \$1,000 per year.
Grammar School,	{ Nellie Evans, Assistant, . . }	{ 40 per month.
	{ James W. Applebee, . . . }	{ 800 per year.
	{ Mrs. J. W. Applebee, Ass't, }	{ 36 per month.
Main-st. Intermediate	—Ida B. Nute, .	36 “
Wakefield-st. “	—Florella Estes, .	36 “
Pound-st. “	—Mrs. M. E. Reynolds,	36 “
Main-st. Primary	—Mrs. Carrie A. Bennett,	32 “
Wakefield-st. “	—Ida B. Cate, .	32 “
Maple-st. “	—Mrs. Mary J. Langley,	32 “
Portland-st. “	—Emma D. Webber, .	32 “
Pound-st. “	—Annie M. Cushing, .	32 “

SCHOOL STATISTICS FOR 1879-80.

1. Whole No. of different pupils enrolled for the year,	607
2. Average No. of pupils belonging to the schools,	473 $\frac{1}{3}$
3. Average daily attendance,	425
4. Per cent. attendance,	90
5. No. weeks school in summer,	24
6. " " " winter,	12
7. " " " for the year,	— 36
8. No. of schools,	10
9. " weeks taught by males, (2 schools, 36 weeks each,)	72
10. " " " females,	348
11. No. visits by Supt. School Committee,	127
12. No. pupils attending to Reading and Spelling, 607; Penmanship, 331; Arithmetic, 311; Geography, 254; Grammar, 114; U. S. History, 57; Physiology, 23; Book-Keeping, 23; General History, 23; English Composition, 34; Natural Philosophy, 13; Astronomy, 30; Rhetoric, 9; Physical Geography, 5; Algebra, 36; Geometry, 24; Latin, 44; Greek, 7.	

FINANCIAL.

RECEIPTS FOR THE SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Balance from last year,	\$664 91
Amount by law required to be raised,	2,740 32
" from the extra \$500 raised by town,	
Literary Fund and Railroad Tax,	76 00
Amount raised by the District for schools,	2,000 00
" " " repairs,	120 00
" received for tuitions,	126 81
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EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS.

Paid teachers,	\$4,636 30
Supt. School Committee,	94 00
for repairs on Main-st. school-	
house,	114 71
" general repairs,	163 59
" fuel,	333 57
" miscellaneous supplies,	276 37
	<hr style="width: 10%; margin: 0;"/> \$5,618 54
Balance on hand,	<hr style="width: 10%; margin: 0;"/> \$109 50
Average amt. expenditure to each enrolled	
scholar,	\$9 26
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Indebtedness 1 year ago for construction of	
school-houses,	\$2,810 00
Accrued interest,	308 37
	<hr style="width: 10%; margin: 0;"/> \$3,118 37
Paid on principal,	\$1,810 00
interest,	128 37
	<hr style="width: 10%; margin: 0;"/> \$1,938 37
Present indebtedness of district,	\$1,180 00

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OF STUDY.

ENGLISH COURSE.

FIRST YEAR.

First Term, Fall.—Algebra, English Composition, Physical Geography.

Second Term, Winter.—Algebra, Book-Keeping, Physical Geography.

Third Term, Spring.—Algebra, Book-Keeping, Botany.

SECOND YEAR.

First Term, Fall.—General History, Natural Philosophy, Botany.

Second Term, Winter.—Geometry, Natural Philosophy, General History.

Third Term, Spring.—Geometry, Natural Philosophy, Mineralogy and Geology.

THIRD YEAR.

First Term, Fall.—Geometry, Astronomy, Mineralogy and Geology.

Second Term, Winter.—Rhetoric, Astronomy Chemistry.

Third Term, Spring.—Rhetoric, Political Science, Chemistry.

ENGLISH AND CLASSICAL COURSE.

FIRST YEAR.

First Term, Fall.—Algebra, English Composition, Latin.

Second Term, Winter.—Algebra, Book-Keeping, Latin.

Third Term, Spring.—Algebra, Book-Keeping, Latin (Grammar, Prose and Cæsar.)

SECOND YEAR.

First Term, Fall.—Ancient History, Natural Philosophy, Latin (Grammar, Prose and Cæsar.)

Second Term, Winter.—Geometry, Natural Philosophy, Latin (Grammar, Prose and Cæsar.)

Third Term, Spring.—Geometry, Natural Philosophy, Latin (Grammar, Prose and Virgil.)

THIRD YEAR.

First Term, Fall.—Geometry, Astronomy, Latin (Grammar, Prose and Virgil.)

Second Term, Winter.—Rhetoric, Astronomy, Latin (Grammar, Prose and Virgil.)

Third Term, Spring.—Rhetoric, Mineralogy and Geology, Latin (Grammar, Prose and Cicero.)

FOURTH YEAR.

First Term, Fall.—Mineralogy and Geology, Botany, *Geography and Reading with Methods of Instruction, or Optional Study.†

Second Term, Winter.—Chemistry, Mental Philosophy, Grammar and Analysis, with Methods of Instruction, or Optional Study.

Third Term, Spring.—Chemistry, Mental Philosophy, Arithmetic, mental and written, with Methods of Instruction, or Optional Study.

*In the fourth year, provision is made for a thorough review of common English studies, with a view to prepare students for teaching.

†The number of Optional Studies is not to exceed two to any one class.

CLASSICAL COURSE.

(PREPARATORY FOR COLLEGE.)

(Same studies during first year as in the English and Classical Course.)

SECOND YEAR.

First Term, Fall.—Ancient History, Greek, Latin (Grammar, Prose and Cæsar.)

Second Term, Winter.—Geometry, Greek, Latin (Grammar, Prose and Cæsar.)

Third Term, Spring.—Geometry, Greek, Latin (Grammar, Prose and Virgil.)

THIRD YEAR.

First Term, Fall.—Greek, [Grammar and Anabasis] Latin [Grammar, Prose and Virgil.]

Second Term, Winter.—Greek [Grammar and Anabasis] Latin [Grammar, Prose and Virgil]

Third Term, Spring.—Greek [Grammar and Anabasis] Latin [Grammar, Prose and Cicero.]

FOURTH YEAR.

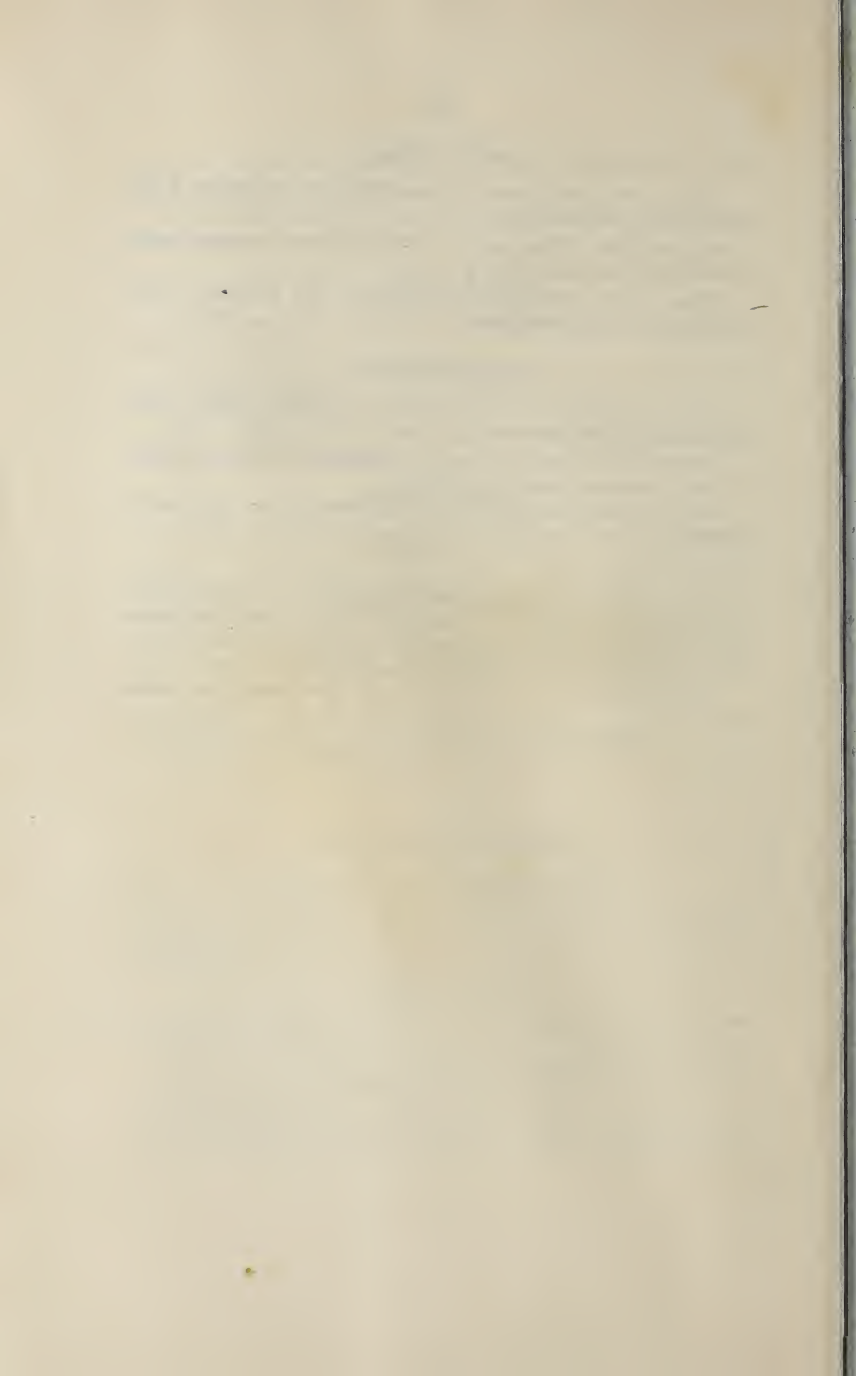
First Term, Fall.—Greek [Grammar and Homer's Iliad,] Latin [Grammar, Prose and Cicero.]

Second Term, Winter.—Greek [Grammar and Homer's Iliad, Latin [Grammar, Prose and Cicero.]

Third Term, Spring.—Review of Greek, Latin, Algebra and Geometry.

Declamations by males, Recitations by females, and Compositions by all, will be required at least three times during each term, throughout the course. Instruction in Reading, Spelling and English Literature, will receive careful attention.

Graduates of any of the Courses will receive suitable Diplomas.







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